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MAYOR PURCELL RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD

International District Energy Association Recognizes Mayor for Public Sector Leadership in the Energy Field

NASHVILLE – Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell was recognized Monday night with the Public Sector Leadership Award by the International District Energy Association (IDEA). The award is given annually to the public entity or individual who has demonstrated public leadership in the energy field. Past winners include former U.S. Secretary of Energy Federico Peña and St. Paul, Minn., Mayor George Latimer, among others.

“Mayor Purcell’s leadership was instrumental in the city’s seamless transition from the Nashville Thermal Transfer Corporation plant to the new district energy system and recycling program,” said Harvey Gershman, president of Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc., and Metro’s project administrator for Metro Nashville District Energy System (DES). “No one deserves this award more.”

IDEA is an international organization headquartered in Boston that promotes the growth and use of district energy systems. The group’s 97th Annual Conference and Trade Show is being held through Wednesday at the Nashville Convention Center. On Sunday, a pre-conference workshop spotlighted the successful, award-winning partnership between the city of Nashville and Metro Nashville DES, which opened its new facility in 2004.

IDEA’s conference is co-hosted by Constellation Energy Projects and Services Group (CEPS) and Metro Nashville DES. CEPS, which operates Metro Nashville DES, provides customized energy solutions to government, institutional, commercial and industrial customers nationwide.

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